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Weekly wrap-up

Governor visits Grant County VA Hospital

Feb. 13, 2008- Governor Daniels stopped in Marion on Wednesday as a part of National Salute to Hospitalized Veterans week. The governor spent about an hour meeting with veterans and thanking them for their service.

"It's not about the week, it's about the men," Daniels said. "I try not to miss an opportunity to visit anyone who's ever served. If you don't go away from here thankful, then you haven't reflected on the experience," said Daniels.



Feb. 13, 2008— Gov. Daniels visits with employees at the FSSA call center in Marion.

More than 98,000 veterans are cared for in VA medical centers across the country.

Earlier in the day, the governor paid a quick visit to the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) call center located in Marion to meet with employees and learn about the center's operations.

[Listen to the governor discuss INShape Indiana with Pulse FM's Rick Hummer in South Bend.](#)

Anderson University Q&A session features Governor Daniels

Feb. 13, 2008- A standing-room-only crowd of 300 Anderson University students and faculty joined Governor Mitch Daniels Wednesday morning at an on campus question and answer forum.

After highlighting the governor's service in the White House administrations of Ronald Reagan and George W. Bush, Anderson University President James Edwards introduced the Governor, saying, "We are so glad he came back to lead the state of Indiana in our resurgence."



Feb. 13, 2008- Governor Daniels with Anderson University students and faculty at a Q&A session held on campus.



Daniels spent the majority of time fielding questions about his property tax plan. Other questions ranged from education to health care.

The governor holds an honorary doctorate from Anderson University and has visited campus several times including delivering the commencement address to the class of 1996.

Feb. 13, 2008- Governor Daniels greets Elmer Heinley of Columbia City. Daniels presented Heinley with the Sagamore of the Wabash in recognition of a lifetime of community service.

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Governor takes property tax relief plan on the road

Feb. 14, 2008— Governor Daniels across the state this week to discuss his property tax plan with Hoosiers across the state. The governor's plan would permanently cap property tax bills with a one percent circuit breaker on homes, two percent on rental property and three percent on businesses.

At a Whitley County Lincoln Day Dinner on Wednesday, the governor voiced his optimism that the reform plan would soon be completed. "There will be changes, I am sure of that," he said. "But I believe that we have a really good chance that we will still accomplish our goals."

The governor stayed overnight in Churubusco and joined Noble County residents for breakfast the following morning at a town hall style meeting at St. James Restaurant in Avilla. Later, the governor visited Christo's Family Dining in Plymouth to talk about his property tax plan with local residents.

"We're aiming at the biggest tax cut in the state's history," Daniels said. "This is about putting money back in taxpayer pockets."



Feb. 14, 2008— The governor discusses his property tax relief plan during a lunch stop at Christo's Family Dining in Plymouth.

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Feb. 15, 2008— Governor Daniels with the Honorable Elaine Brown. The governor appointed Brown to the Indiana Court of Appeals.

Daniels appoints Dubois County judge to Indiana Court of Appeals

Feb., 15, 2008— Governor Mitch Daniels announced that he has selected the Honorable Elaine Brown, Dubois Superior Court, to the Indiana Court of Appeals for the Fifth District.

The vacancy was created by the upcoming May 3 retirement of Judge John Sharpnack, who was appointed to the court in 1991. Brown's appointment is effective May 5.

"The committee provided me with another superb group of nominees. The decisive factor, for a court that principally hears criminal cases, is that Elaine is a proven law and order judge with a long record of firmness in sentencing and sensitivity to victims' rights," said Daniels.

Brown, 54, of Jasper, has served three terms as Dubois Superior Court judge. She was elected in 2004 and began her current term January 1, 2005; Brown had served in the same capacity from 1987 to 1998, but did not seek re-election at the time to live and work in Evansville. In 2005, Brown started the Dubois County Drug court, an 18-month program of intensive treatment and supervision for drug addicts and alcoholics. She followed that program by initiating the Dubois Superior Court Alcohol and Drug Program last year, which assesses and refers for treatment many defendants convicted of crimes involving substance abuse. Brown also is the president of the Dubois County Substance Abuse Council and is on the Dubois County Community Corrections Advisory Board.

Brown earned her undergraduate and law degrees from Indiana University.

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A look ahead...

Governor Daniels will travel to Carmel, Schereville, Merrillville, Goodland and West Lafayette this week.